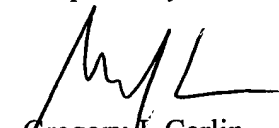


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A Request for Continued Examination has been filed herewith and Applicant requests a telephone interview with the Examiner prior to issuance of an Office Action in the above-listed application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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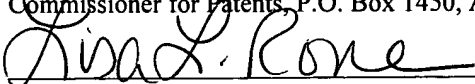
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